

Public Notice

ISSUED: June 6, 2007 **EXPIRES:** July 6, 2007

APPLICANT

Mr. Stephen Pryor

REFER TO:

MVP-2007-2584-

SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act

DJS

- 1. WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL
- 2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 942 4th Street

Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

AGENT: Hult & Associates, Inc.

Mr. David Heinrichs

P.O. Box 37

Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

PROJECT LOCATION: The bank site is located in SW 1/4 Sec. 19, T. 33N., R. 21W., Chisago County, Minnesota.

BACKGROUND: The proposed banking project area is 56.16 acres in size. The property is owned by Stephen Pryor and is proposed to be used as a private bank for activities regulated by the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and the Clean Water Act. The project has been pre-approved for Exceptional Natural Resource Value (ENRV) credits by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR).

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The project would involve the preservation of 56.16 acres of tamarack swamp, sedge meadow, forested wetland and upland oak savannah. Wetlands consist of 43.92 acres and uplands comprise 12.24 acres. Under the Minnesota WCA the applicant is requesting 5.49 acres of New Wetland Credit (NWC) and 3.06 acres of Public Value Credit (PVC). Because the site is existing wetland, the applicant is requesting that 12.5 % of credits be available as soon as possible, 65 % of total credits after the second year, and 80 % of total credits in the third year.

Management of the mitigation bank area would consist of effective control of invasive buckthorn and reed canary grass over the preservation area in perpetuity. This would include the cutting and treating of buckthorn and the spot spraying of reed canary grass.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential, agricultural and wildlife management area.

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3. REPLIES/COMMENTS.

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections within 30 days of the date of this notice. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

Replies may be addressed to Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 190 Fifth Street East, Suite 401, Saint Paul, MN 55101-1638.

Or, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, call Dan Seemon at the St. Paul office of the Corps, telephone number (651) 290-5380.

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4. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT.

None were identified by the applicant or are known to exist in the permit area. However, Washington County is within the known or historic range of the following Federally-listed threatened (T) and endangered (E) species:

<u>Species</u> <u>Habitat</u>

Bald eagle (T) Mature forest near water

Higgins' eye pearlymussel (E) Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers

Winged mapleleaf mussel (E) St. Croix River

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments it may have concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

5. JURISDICTION.

This project comes under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers because the wetland area is connected to and flows by tributary to the Sunrise River, which flows to the St. Croix River, a navigable water of the United States.

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6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

This public notice is being sent to the National Park Service, the State Archaeologist, and the State Historic Preservation Officer to determine if there are known cultural resources which may be affected by the described work. Any unknown archaeological, scientific, or historical data could be lost or destroyed by the work described in the permit application. However, the latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no listed properties (known to be eligible for inclusion, or included in the Register) are located in the project area.

7. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

Marita T. Valencia

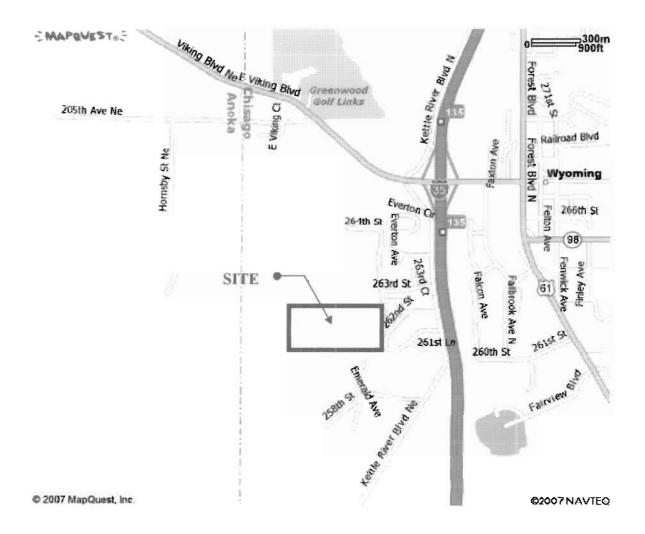
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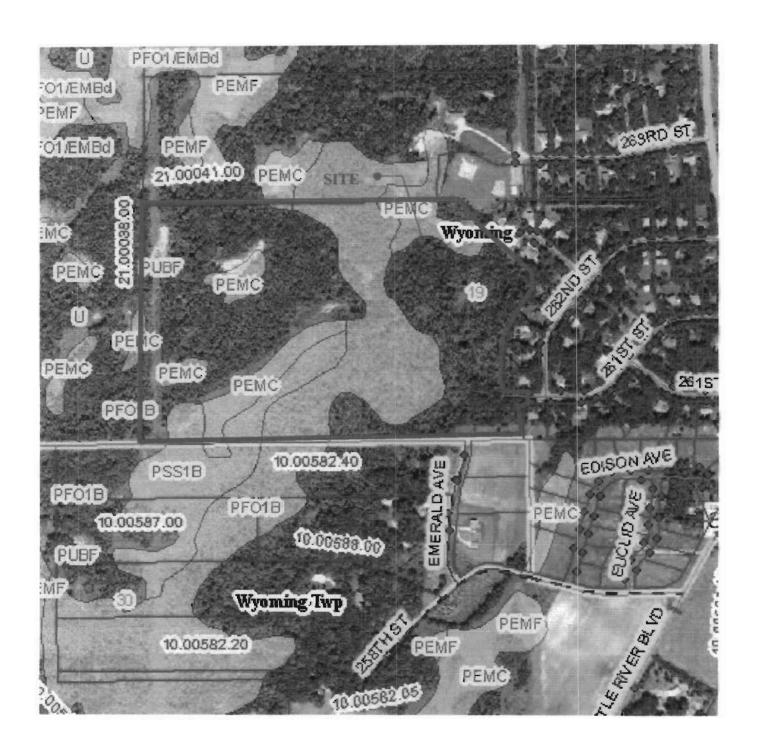
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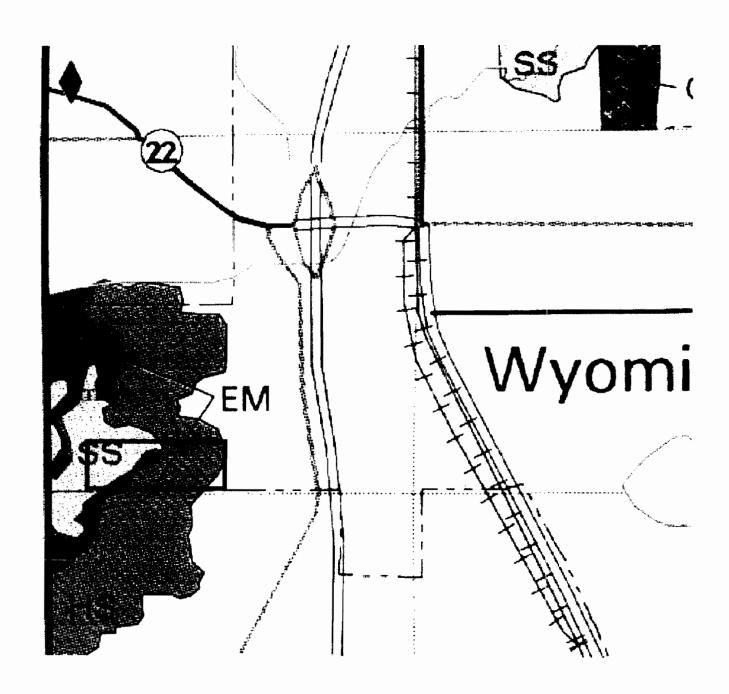
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